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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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SUBJ: MINTOFF ATTENDS LIBYAN CELEBRATION OF WHEELUS
EVACUATION

1. GOM PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF MADE ANOTHER ONE-DAY TRIP
TO LIBYA ON JUNE 11, THIS TIME TO ATTEND CELEBRATIONS
COMMEMORATING THE "FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVACUATION
OF THE AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE FORMER WHEELUS AIR BASE."

2. MINTOFF TRAVELED IN AN EXECUTIVE JET PROVIDED BY
THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE
GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL, EDGAR MIZZI, AND JOE CAMILLERI,
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. MINTOFF
REPORTEDLY MET WITH COL. QADHAFI WHILE IN TRIPOLI.

3. THE MALTESE PRESS STATES THAT MINTOFF WAS SEATED
ON THE FRONT ROW DURING THE OFFICIAL CEREMONIES,
ALONG WITH OTHER "PROMINENT" GUESTS REPRESENTING THE
PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE LIBERATION FRONT
OF JORDAN, THE SOVIET UNION AND SOUTH YEMEN.

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3. COMMENT: ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF MINTOFF FLAUNTING HIS

SO-CALLED "NON-ALIGNED" CREDENTIALS AMONG HIS SELF-
DEFINED ARAB "BROTHERS." THE MALTESE PRO-LABOR MEDIA,
INCLUDING TELEVISION, GAVE VISIT EXTENSIVE COVERAGE,
AS USUAL. OF RELATED INTEREST, DIPLOMATIC NOTE
RECEIVED FROM LIBYAN EMBASSY IN MALTA ANNOUNCED THE
OCCASION AS "AMERICAN BASES EVICTION DAY," BUT DID
NOT ASK THAT WE JOIN IN THEIR OBSERVANCES.WIGGINS

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